



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
ARIZONA CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY GROUP
Arizona State Capitol, Executive Tower, 2nd Floor Conference Room
July 14, 2005

Board Members in attendance:

Bahr, Boyd, Clark, Cook, Crosswhite, Cuning, De Masi, Downey, Etsitty, Fox, Gammage, Gatewood, Hayslip, Homer, Kinsall, Kramer, Martin, McGinnis, Mohin, Netko, O'Regan, Owens, Pfister, Ramirez, Schlegel, Seitts, Seitz, Swetnam, Taylor, Tobin

Board Members Absent:

Berry, Elliott, Engel, Henness, Pfeifer

The initial meeting of the Governor's Climate Change Advisory Group (CCAG) convened shortly after 1 p.m. and adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Discussion items:

Stephen A. Owens, director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), which is coordinating the CCAG process, offered introductory remarks, and CCAG members introduced themselves. Director Owens then introduced Thomas D. Peterson of the Center for Climate Strategies (CCS), which is providing evaluative facilitation to the CCAG, to lead the discussions for the meeting. Mr. Peterson and other CCS members provided a presentation and led discussion of initial issues. A copy of Mr. Peterson's presentation is attached.

The presentation provided CCAG members an overview of the history and status of state climate change actions and the process that the CCAG will follow to fulfill the Governor's charge set forth in Executive Order 2005-02. Members of the CCS technical team reviewed the initial draft of the Arizona greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecasts that will serve as the basis for CCAG deliberation and recommendations, as well as the energy and economic modeling options that the CCAG may elect to use. Mr. Peterson led members through a discussion of possible opportunities and issues that the CCAG may face in completing its work. He also described how the CCAG process will be augmented by sector-based technical works groups, comprising CCAG members, ex-officio advisors, and others who are asked to participate. Four technical work groups were identified: Stationary Sources – Production; Residential, Commercial, Industrial Use – Consumption; Transportation and Land Use; and Agriculture and Forestry. Members also discussed how a fifth work group may be assigned to address cross-cutting issues requiring input from all sectors.

In addition to the background provided by the CCS facilitators, the assistant attorney general assigned to the CCAG, Joe Mikitish, provided members an overview of the Arizona Open Meeting Law.

Actions Taken:

The CCAG approved a motion to allow CCAG technical work groups to meet by teleconference, with the stipulation that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, which is coordinating the CCAG process, will make available a room at its Phoenix central office to provide public access to the teleconferences. (See the attached motion.)

CCAG members were also asked to indicate their top two preferences for technical work group assignment.

Announcements:

The next meeting of the CCAG is September 29, 2005, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Location of this meeting will be announced later.

Technical work group meetings will begin after members are assigned. Notices and agendas for these meetings will be publicized in accordance with Arizona Open Meeting Law requirements.

Information about the CCAG and its activities may be found at www.azclimatechange.us.